IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14, as set forth below:

This patent application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No.
10/003,501 [[]], entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE
MEDIUM FOR SUPPRESSING EXECUTION OF SIGNATURE FILE DIRECTIVES
DURING A NETWORK EXPLOIT," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S.
Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,431 [[]], entitled "SYSTEM AND
METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY CONDITION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM,"
filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No.
10/001,410 [[]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE
SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001,
co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,695 [[]],
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSIONS ON
A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent
Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,423 [[]], entitled "NETWORK
INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned
herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,445 [[]], entitled
"NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR INSERTING AN
INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM INTO A NETWORK STACK," filed October 31,
2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,815
[[]], entitled "METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM, AND NODE
FOR DETECTING EXPLOITS BASED ON AN INBOUND SIGNATURE OF THE
EXPLOIT AND AN OUTBOUND SIGNATURE IN RESPONSE THERETO," filed October
31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,446
[[]], entitled "NETWORK, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE
MEDIUM FOR DISTRIBUTED SECURITY UPDATES TO SELECT NODES ON A
NETWORK," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]]
Serial No. 10/002,072 [[]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF AN OS-
INTEGRATED INTRUSION DETECTION AND ANTI-VIRUS SYSTEM," filed October
31 2001 co-assigned herewith: U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,697

[[]], entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM
FOR IDENTIFYING DATA IN A NETWORK EXPLOIT," filed October 31, 2001, co-
assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,820 [[]],
entitled "NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR OPTIMIZING
PERFORMANCE OF SIGNATURE RULE MATCHING IN A NETWORK," filed October
31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,819
[[]], entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM
FOR PERFORMING MULTIPLE SIGNATURE MATCHING IN AN INTRUSION
PREVENTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent
Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,694 [[]], entitled "USER INTERFACE
FOR PRESENTING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed
October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,728
[[]], entitled "NODE AND MOBILE DEVICE FOR A MOBILE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK PROVIDING INTRUSION DETECTION," filed
October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,510
[[]], entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR
INTEGRATING A DECODE ENGINE WITH AN INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM,"
filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No.
10/002,064 [[]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY
DISPLAYING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed October 31,
2001, co-assigned herewith; and U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,350
[[]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY
CORRELATING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed October
31, 2001, co-assigned herewith.